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Decides to consider at its substantive session of 1998 the review of the guidelines for future international years, as contained in the annex to Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980, in order to facilitate a decision by the General Assembly that the issue of the proclamation of international years in the future be considered directly by the relevant Main Committees of the Assembly.

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1. Reaffirms the importance of the guidelines for international years and anniversaries, adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980, for the consideration of proposals for the proclamation of international years;

2. Recommends that the Assembly at its next resumed session decide that henceforth the issue of the proclamation of international years should be considered directly by the Assembly;

3. Also recommends that the Assembly consider the deletion of paragraph 12 of the guidelines for international years and anniversaries in the light of the recommendation contained in paragraph 2 above.

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